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UTAH WIND WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) will be holding a wind working group meeting on April 6, 2005. The meeting will take place from 10:00am to 3:30pm on the fourth floor of the Salt Lake City Public Library, located at 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. RSVPs can be sent to Nykole Littleboy at nykolelittleboy@utah.gov or Sarah Wright at sarah@utahcleanenergy.org.

The Utah Wind Working Group (UWWG) is an organization comprised of representatives from federal, state and local governments, utilities, renewable energy advocates, the wind power industry, environmental organizations, landowners, and other entities interested in the development of wind energy facilities in Utah. The mission of the UWWG is to promote wind power development in Utah.

In 2003, the Utah Energy Office (UEO), along with Utah Clean Energy, convened a Utah Wind Working Group with representatives from utilities, the wind industry, state agencies, utility regulators, agricultural groups, and citizens interested in the development of wind energy in Utah. The function of the Utah Wind Working Group is to review the issues and barriers involved in the development of wind power in Utah with the ultimate goal of facilitating wind development in Utah.

Agenda items for the April 6th meeting include a presentation highlighting the rural economic development benefits of our neighboring Evanston, Wyoming 144 MW wind farm, a Colorado study on the potential rate impacts associated with renewable energy, and a presentation by Larry Flowers, Technical Director of the US Department of Energy's Wind Powering America Program. Additionally, the group will initiate a White Paper, which will serve as a factual briefing for the development of upcoming energy policy. The full agenda can be found at <http://www.energy.utah.gov/wind/meetsched.htm>.

Underground parking is available at the library. Due to the duration of the meeting, lunch will be provided upon request for a fee. More information about the UWWG can be found at www.energy.utah.gov or by calling Nykole Littleboy at (801) 538-5413.

As of March 14, 2005, the State Energy Program (SEP) and related renewable energy programs of the UEO were transferred to the Utah Geological Survey.

UGS is an applied scientific agency that creates, interprets, and provides information about Utah's geologic environment, resources, and hazards to promote safe, beneficial, and wise use of land.